		Agenda Item <u>26</u>						
		REQUIRES MONITORING OR STAFF ACTION NO		NO				
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE								
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS		DATE	March 22, 2005					
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS		DOCKET NO.	2005-2-E					

ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2005-2-E – <u>South Carolina Electric & Gas Company</u> – Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs. Discuss with the Commission a Joint Motion to Postpone Hearing filed by John F. Beach, Esquire, on behalf of SMI Steel-South Carolina and the South Carolina Energy Users Committee.

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COMMISSION ACTION:

UTILITIES MATTERS

Regarding the motion to postpone hearing made in **DOCKET NO. 2005-2-E – South Carolina Electric & Gas Company – Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs,** the original Notice of Hearing was filed November 19, 2004.

On January 21, 2005, the Commission issued a schedule requiring SCE&G, the applicant, to pre-file its direct testimony and exhibits on March 2, with intervenor testimony due March 16. Several data requests were served on the applicant by ORS before the deadline for the applicant's direct testimony on March 2. On March 8, the Commission postponed for one week all remaining deadlines, and postponed the hearing until April 6. As such, the intervenors were provided with an additional week to review and respond to the pre-filed testimony of the applicant. However, last Friday, March 18, the intervenors filed their motion to further postpone the hearing.

Our last Order set the base fuel factor for the period of May 2004 through April 2005 based on the statutory scheme. A new fuel factor needs to be determined during the month of April for the period of May 2005 to April 2006. In light of this deadline and the fact that one postponement of the hearing has already occurred, and considering the Commission's current schedule for April, I move that the Commission deny the motion to further postpone the hearing.

MOTION YES NO	OTHER Time of Session 2:30 PM	
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